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Attendees Pack Town Hall to Talk About Rockville's Diversity

Rockville Senior Center's Carnation Room was at capacity on Feb. 9 for a town hall discussion on diversity, and how to make Rockville a more inclusive place that actively welcomes and engages its broad, multicultural community.

More than 150 participants divided themselves among six "conversation circles," each addressing a different set of questions on topics that included hate crime, enhancing community policing, barriers to government, communicating to young people and promoting inclusion.

Rockville is one of the most diverse communities in America. Thirty-four percent of the city's 61,200 residents in 2010 were born outside of the United

States. Out of this foreign-born population, 14.5 percent were citizens and 19.4 percent were non-citizens, according to the 2010 census. ✚

BY THE NUMBERS: ROCKVILLE'S DIVERSITY

- Residents of Asian descent were the largest racial minority in the city as of 2010, making up about 21 percent of Rockville's population, up from about 15 percent in 2000.
- Rockville's Hispanic or Latino population was about 14 percent of the total population in 2010.
- Rockville's black or African-American residents comprised about 10 percent of the city's total 2010 population.



HEARING ON RCPD ROLE IN ENFORCING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS

WHAT: A public hearing on the role of the Rockville City Police Department in the enforcement of federal immigration laws.
WHEN: During the Mayor and Council meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 6.
WHERE: Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.
Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

'Building Bridges in a Diverse Society' Workshop Seeks Students

"Building Bridges in a Diverse Society," a dynamic, highly interactive diversity leadership workshop offered by the city's Human Rights Commission, returns in April.

The free workshop, for students attending high school in Rockville or attending Montgomery College-Rockville, will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 in the Mayor and Council chambers at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

The curriculum, based on the award-winning National Coalition Building Institute Prejudice Reduction Workshop and the teachings of other peace-building organizations, will provide students with tools to handle difficult situations with an understanding of diverse

populations. It is designed to help students recognize prejudice and isolation, appreciate diversity and create an environment of inclusion in their schools.

Student leaders of diverse backgrounds are especially encouraged to attend. Student Service Learning credits will be offered and verification of hours attended is available for college students. Lunch will be provided.

Sign up at www.rockvillemd.gov/humanrights. For more information, call Janet Kelly, the city's Human Rights Commission liaison, at 240-314-8316 or email jkelly@rockvillemd.gov. For Americans with Disabilities Act modifications, call the city's ADA coordinator at 240-314-8108, TTY: 240-314-8137 or relay 711. ✚

March 12: Spring Forward and Check Smoke Alarms

Daylight saving time begins March 12, which is the ideal reminder for homeowners to check their smoke alarms while setting clocks forward.

State law from 2013 requires that battery-operated smoke alarms be replaced every 10 years from the date of manufacture. The devices should also be tested at least once a month.

State law also calls for older smoke alarms to be replaced with new, sealed, long-life battery-powered smoke alarms by no later than Jan. 1, 2018, or when there is a change of tenant, test failure or a building permit is issued.

Hardwired 120-volt electric smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years with new 120-volt smoke alarms with battery backup to ensure proper and timely operation in a fire. Homeowners with hardwired smoke alarms should not replace their devices with battery-powered alarms.

Fire code-compliant smoke alarms can be purchased at most home improvement stores.

For more information visit www.rockvillemd.gov/fire safety or email Timothy Diehl, city fire marshal, at tdiehl@rockvillemd.gov. ✚

Mayor and Council to Seek Input on Smoking/Vaping Ban for Outside Eating Areas

The Mayor and Council will ask the public for their opinion on whether Rockville should expand its smoking and vaping ban to include establishments with outdoor eating areas.

A public hearing on the prohibition will be held Monday, March 27.

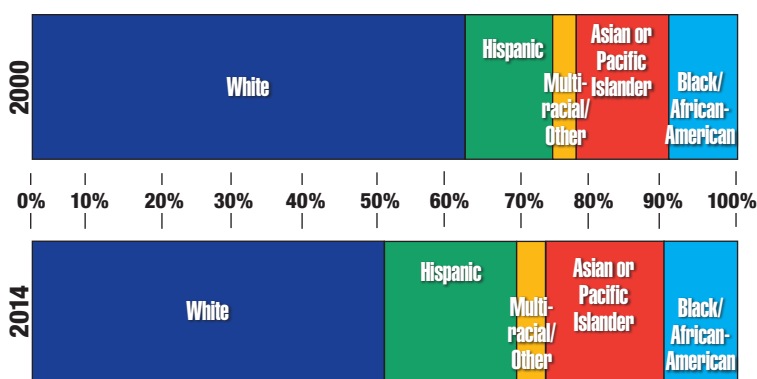
The potential move to smoke-free outside eating was discussed at the Monday, Feb. 6 Mayor and Council meeting. In 2016, the Mayor and Council voted to follow Montgomery County code, allowing the county ban on smoking and vaping to apply to city parks, community centers, at Redgate Golf

Course and all city facilities.

According to the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation, 392 municipalities in the U.S. have rules for smoke-free outside dining; 233 of those also have smoke-free outside bar-patio laws.

The Mayor and Council are encouraging input from local businesses and the community. Testify at the hearing during the March 27 Mayor and Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m., or submit testimony in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. ✚

Breakdown of Percentage of Rockville Population Years 2000 and 2014



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 decennial Census and 2014 American Community Survey 1-year file.
Note: Race/ethnicity categories are mutually exclusive.

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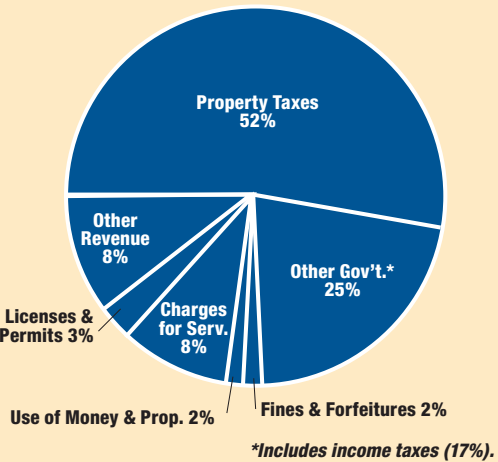
Rockville operates six enterprise funds. Each fund functions like a private business, with costs fully recovered through user charges. The enterprise funds are the water fund, the sewer fund, the refuse fund, the stormwater management fund, the parking fund and the RedGate Golf Course fund.

Average residential bills for city-provided water and sewer service will increase under plans previously approved by the Mayor and Council. Recycling and refuse service will increase \$21 per year for all customers. Stormwater management rates are proposed to remain the same. Based on the Fiscal Year 2018 rates, average annual residential expenses for city utilities for a family of four will increase by \$110.88 or 7.3 percent.

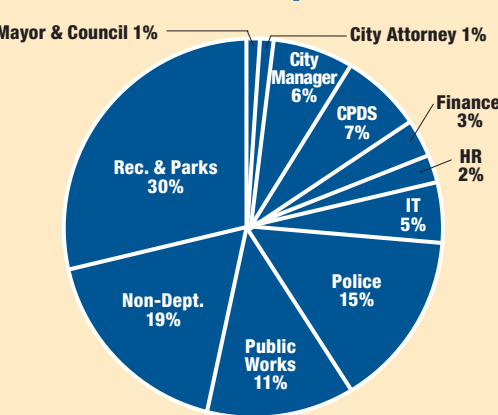


Understanding the General Fund

Proposed FY18 General Fund Revenues



Proposed FY18 General Fund Expenditures



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Budget Watch: Fiscal Year 2018

Rockville’s Mayor and Council continue budget deliberations this month with a public hearing and work session focused on crafting a Fiscal Year 2018 budget that outlines the city’s priorities.

City Manager Rob DiSpirito was scheduled to present the Mayor and Council with a FY 2018 budget proposal on Feb. 27, after the deadline for this edition of “Rockville Reports.” Find the proposed budget at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget.

“This budget focuses on the health and safety of our residents, business owners and employees; critical infrastructure improvements; and new or expanded city programs and services,” DiSpirito wrote in a letter presenting the proposal.

The budget, which covers the fiscal year that begins July 1, is scheduled for adoption by the Mayor and Council on Monday, May 1.

The proposed FY 2018 operating budget of \$129.4 million is an increase of 2.5 percent over the total operating budget for FY 2017. The general fund budget, which supports the largest portion of the operating budget, is \$79.2 million, a 2.6 percent increase.

The city’s current real property tax rate of \$0.292 per \$100 of assessed valuation would remain the same for FY18. All residential and commercial property owners pay this tax.

Property tax, the city’s largest source of general fund revenue, is estimated to increase by 3.3 percent from FY17, to \$40.9 million, due to higher property assessments during the most recent round and new properties on the tax roll. Income tax, the city’s second largest single source of general fund revenue, is estimated to increase by 9.7 percent, to \$13.4 million.

The number of full-time positions funded by the proposal remains relatively flat. An increase of three full-time police officers was achieved by eliminating three vacant positions in the City Manager’s Office.

The proposal also includes a 1 percent cost-of-living adjustment and an average 3 percent step

OFFER IDEAS

- At www.rockvillemd.gov/budget.
- At public hearings at the March 6 and April 3 Mayor and Council meetings.

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

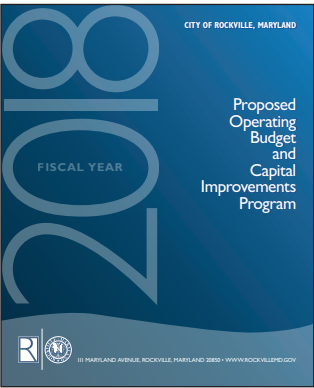
- Thursday, March 2: Work session.
- Monday, March 6: Public hearing.
- Monday, April 3: Public hearing on the FY 2018 budget and the constant yield tax rate and a work session.
- Friday, April 7: Public record closes.
- Monday, April 17: Work session.
- Monday, May 1: Budget adoption.
- Meetings are live streaming at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11; and available a day after each meeting at www.rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand.

increase for all regular employees; wage increases for temporary employees to a rate that is comparable with those of neighboring jurisdictions; increases in

overtime, mostly attributed to police; and increases for the cost of city-provided benefits.

The proposed FY 2018-FY 2022 Capital Improvements Program (CIP), the five-year plan for funding new construction and infrastructure maintenance, includes \$19.9 million in new funding, combined with a carryover of \$47.2 million to support 47 projects during the fiscal year. The proposed budget includes funding for eight new projects:

- Lincoln Park Community Center parking lot expansion.
- Proposed Potomac Woods Community Center concept design and outreach.
- Rockville Senior Center Americans with Disabilities Act improvements.
- A traffic signal communication system.
- Stream restoration at Anderson Park.



FY 2018 budget cover.

- Concrete roof repairs at the Water Treatment Plant.
- Electrical upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant.
- Information Technology network security enhancements.

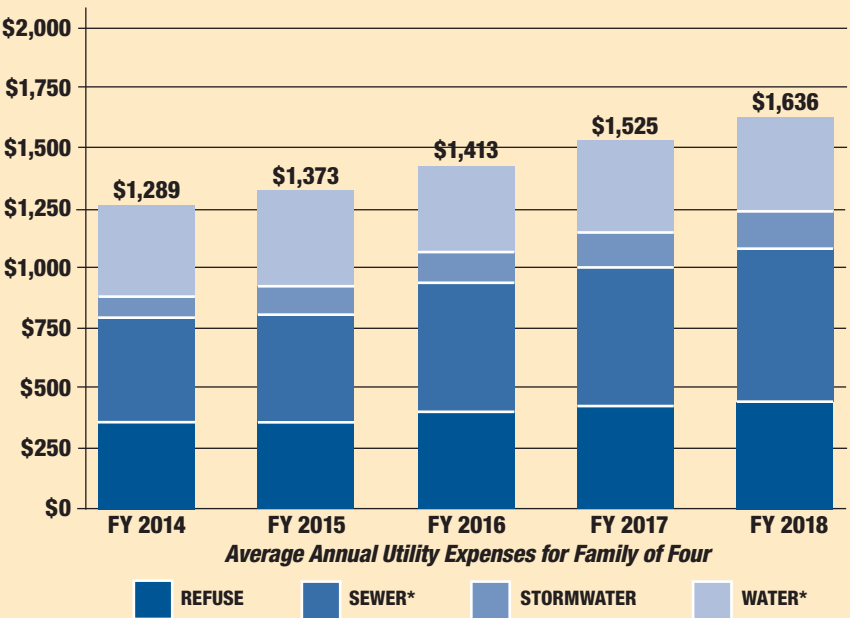
The five-year plan includes a \$3.5 million taxpayer-supported debt issue in FY18 for major improvements to the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center locker rooms and \$828,000 in FY 2021 and \$3.3 million in FY 2022 for vehicular bridge rehabilitation. Other debt issues are planned to support the water, sewer and stormwater management funds. ✚

Proposed Rockville Utility Rates

Based on the FY18 rates, average annual residential expenses for city utilities for a family of four would increase by \$110.88 for the year, an increase of 7.3 percent over the current average.

	ADOPTED FY 2017	PROPOSED FY 2018
Refuse Rate		
5% increase	\$424 per year	\$445 per year
Sewer Rate*		
12.8% increase	\$592.84 per year	\$668.60 per year
Stormwater Management Rate		
0% increase	\$127.70 per year	\$127.70 per year
Water Rate*		
3.7% increase	\$380.76 per year	\$394.88 per year

Past Five Years of Utility Expenses



* The city’s water and sewer rates are tiered based on meter size. Nearly all the capital costs in the sewer fund, and a substantial portion of the operating costs, are payments for the operation of and capital improvements to the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority’s Blue Plains Wastewater Treatment Plant. For more on water and sewer rates, see page 380 of the proposed budget. Find the proposed budget at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget.



IN ROCKVILLE, WE LOVE BICYCLES... They’re a clean, green form of transportation, and we’re all about encouraging businesses to be bicycle-friendly. That’s why Rockville has a Bike Rack Grant Program, run through the city’s Department of Public Works. Businesses that qualify could have a safe, secure bike rack installed by city workers near the front of their business — free! Find details and fill out the form at www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycleparking.

Mayor & Council

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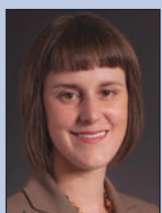
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Upcoming Meetings: Mondays, March 6, 13 and 27 at 7 p.m. A budget work session will be held on Thursday, March 2 at 7 p.m. Drop-in sessions are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. No appointment necessary. Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton is joined by Councilmember Mark Pierzchala on Monday, March 13.

Get Involved with the City

Stay informed of the business before city leaders and share your thoughts:

- **Follow the action in person:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. on most Mondays, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or follow from home on channel 11. Meetings are also available via live streaming, and on demand the day after the meeting, at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.
- **Stop by a drop-in session:** The mayor and one councilmember meet with community members one Monday each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Find the drop-in schedule at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil.
- **Speak at Community Forum** (up to three minutes): Community Forum is held during each Mayor and Council meeting. Priority is given to speakers who have signed up in advance by calling 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and to those who are speaking on an agenda item.
- **Send an email** to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov.

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City to Study Stonestreet Corridor

The Mayor and Council voted unanimously last month to move ahead with a comprehensive study of over 150 acres bordering the Stonestreet corridor, near the Rockville Metro station.

The study will identify key sites for action and short- and long-term implementation steps, and will seek to strengthen relationships through consensus and balance with business owners, tenants and neighborhoods in the corridor area. The study area, in general, covers the east and west sides of North and South Stonestreet avenues, from Ashley Avenue to the north to where South Stonestreet Avenue ends at

Veirs Mill Road.

The study will also build on several previous plans that have addressed the Stonestreet corridor. Detailed recommendations for the area are included in the Lincoln Park (2007) and East Rockville (2004) Neighborhood Plans, as well as the 2001 Town Center Master Plan. They broadly envision a pedestrian- and bicycle-oriented main street-style development, with a mix of uses along a converted boulevard.

Although portions of the corridor were rezoned in 2009 from industrial to mixed use, community members who took part in the plans' development were concerned about

the little progress made toward achieving the goals. The study intends to lay out defining actions that should implement those plans' goals.

"Definitely zoning is something that we will look at as we move forward in this process, and definitely with the input of property owners and tenants, and residents and businesses alike," said Andrea Gilles, a principle planner with Community Planning and Development Services.

The study will kick off in late April. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/stonestreetstudy to receive email updates about the project. For more information, contact Andrea Gilles at 240-314-8273 or agilles@rockvillemd.gov. ✦

County-Level Priorities: Money for Schools, Services, Rec Facilities State Program Open Space Funding Joins Priorities on Past Lists

Money for schools and for providing stormwater management and other services again make the list of priorities the City of Rockville will advocate for at the county level in 2017, along with a new priority – a fair share of state dollars to help the city add to its recreation facilities.

The priorities, approved Feb. 13 by the Mayor and Council, set a framework for promoting and protecting Rockville's interests when working with county officials on issues of mutual interest. Under the approved priorities, the city will advocate for:

- Capital projects at Rockville schools, including construction of Richard Montgomery Elementary School No. 5 to a student capacity of 740, expansions of Twinbrook and Maryvale/Carl Sandburg elementary schools and Thomas S. Wootton High School,

and an addition to Lucy V. Barnsley Elementary.

- Payments by the county to reimburse the city for providing certain services, such as road and bridge maintenance and police services. The county currently does not reimburse the city, despite city police responding to 73 percent of the calls for service within the city limits.
- Payment of Rockville's stormwater management utility fee for county-owned property. The city is projected to lose \$541,000 in Fiscal Year 2018 because the county government, county schools and Montgomery College do not pay for city-provided stormwater management service to their facilities, including many in Town Center. A memorandum of understanding with the county is expected to re-

coup about \$285,000 of the lost fees. Legislation introduced in the General Assembly this year would require the state and county to pay future fees.

- Funding through Program Open Space, which provides counties with state aid for planning, acquiring and developing land for recreational facilities. State legislation passed last year will result in an additional \$15.5 million to be shared by all counties in fiscal years 2017 and 2018. Rockville will advocate for its fair share of the aid, which could help to meet parkland acquisition goals outlined in the city's Rockville Pike and Parks, Recreation and Open Space plans.

For more details on these priorities, contact Linda Moran at lmoran@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8115. ✦

Historic Tax Credits Available

Montgomery County tax credits are available for Rockville properties located within designated historic districts.

The City of Rockville's Historic District Commission (HDC) takes part in the county's preservation tax credit program to help owners of historic properties with maintenance expenses for the exterior of their buildings. Structural repairs and pruning of trees away from a historic structure may also be covered.

Ordinary maintenance, defined as work undertaken to repair existing building elements

with the same materials and design, does not require HDC approval. All other exterior work must have prior HDC approval to be eligible. The HDC reviews tax credit applications and makes a recommendation to the county to approve or disallow the proposed tax credit. Applicants should remember the following:

- This program evaluates the work completed by the applicant in the 2016 calendar year.
- Include photos with the application, documenting condition before and after work is undertaken.
- Only exterior work is eligible.

- Property tax obligations for 2017-2018 will be reduced by 25 percent of approved expenditures.

To learn more about the HDC and this tax credit program at the county, state or federal level, or for an application, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/historic. Applications should be postmarked by April 3 and mailed to the Historic Preservation Division, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. Reviews will be scheduled by the HDC in May and June.

For more information, contact Sheila Bashiri, historic preservation planner, at 240-314-8236 or sbashiri@rockvillemd.gov. ✦

STAY INFORMED: The Mayor and Council meeting schedule and agendas can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil. Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting. Sign up at www.rockvillemd.gov/notifyme to receive an email or text message when a new agenda is posted.

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- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- **Volunteer to be on a board or commission** at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions. (Learn more below.) Find other ways to give your time and talents to your community at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.

Boards and Commissions

Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted. Please check www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions for the latest on cancellations, rescheduling and contact information.

- **March 1, Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee** 7 p.m.
- **March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Development Review Committee 9 a.m.
- **March 2, Environment and Sustainability Commission** 7 p.m.
- **March 4, Board of Appeals** 9 a.m.*
- **March 7, Asian Pacific American Task Force** 7:30 p.m.
- **March 8, 22 Planning Commission** 7 p.m.*
- **March 8, Sign Review Board** 9 a.m.
- **March 14, Human Services Advisory Commission** 6:30 p.m.
- **March 15, Rockville Sister City Corporation Board** 7 p.m.
- **March 16, Senior Citizens Commission** 1 p.m. Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Dr.
- **March 16, Historic District Commission** 7:30 p.m.
- **March 21, Rockville Seniors, Inc.** 1 p.m. Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive
- **March 22, Human Rights Commission** 7:30 p.m.
- **March 22, Rockville Housing Enterprises board** 6:30-11 p.m. David Scull Courts Comm. Ctr.

*Televised on Rockville 11.

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to the Mayor and Council at 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280 or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions.

Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Board of Supervisors of Elections (1)
- Compensation Comm. (2)
- Cultural Arts Commission (1)
- Environment Commission (1)
- Ethics Commission (1)
- Historic District Comm. (1 alt.)
- Human Rights Comm. (4)
- Human Services Advisory Comm. (1 caregiver)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission (1 reg./1 alt.)
- Planning Commission (3)
- Senior Citizens Comm. (3)
- Sign Review Board (1 alt.)

For more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions or call 240-314-8280.

Peerless Examines Segregated Schools, Thurgood Marshall's Role in Rockville

Peerless Rockville's series "Emancipation to Integration: 150 Years of Advancement in Educational Equality" continues this month with "The Rise of Separate but Unequal Schools."

The presentation, at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, at Jerusalem – Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, 21 Wood Lane, will explore the establishment of segregated schools for black students. Ralph Buglass, a member of the Montgomery County Historical Society's Speakers Bureau, and the Rev. Jane Wood, former pastor of Jerusalem-Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, will discuss early efforts in black education.

The series continues with "Thurgood Marshall & William Gibbs: Civil Rights in Rockville" at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 1, at the Red Brick Courthouse, 29 Courthouse Square. University of Maryland law professor Larry S. Gibson and Maryland Court of Special Appeals Judge Patrick L. Woodward will discuss how, in 1937, Rockville principal William Gibbs sued for equal pay for black teachers and was represented by Thurgood Marshall, setting the stage for the future Supreme Court justice's further legal work against discrimination.

The presentations are free, but registration is requested. For registration and a full listing of upcoming series presentations through May, visit www.peerlessrockville.org, call 301-762-0096 or email info@peerlessrockville.org.

Get to Know Rockville

Learn about Rockville through a program that gives community members the opportunity to learn from City of Rockville senior staff who oversee the city's daily operations.

The highly interactive Rockville City Academy, presented this spring, will include the opportunity to:

- Hear from City Manager Rob DiSpirito.
- Tour city parks and public works facilities.
- Learn about development in the city.
- Discover how to get involved in the community.

The program will be held from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, April 27, May 11, 25 and June 1 at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. Participants will tour city parks and public works facilities from 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays, May 6 and 20 and will be recognized at the Mayor and Council meeting on Monday, June 5.

Spaces are limited. Participants must be 16 or older and live or work in Rockville.

For more information, contact Hjarman Cordero at hcordero@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8344 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/academy.



City Recognizes One of Its Finest

Officer Seth Creel, of the Rockville City Police Department, was recognized by the Mayor and Council on Feb. 6. Creel was injured when his cruiser was struck on Rockville Pike on Jan. 7 by a vehicle driven by a motorist later charged with driving under the influence. "This is an example of the risks that our police officers take every day to serve Rockville residents and keep our city safe," City Manager Rob DiSpirito said. Find video of the recognition at www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube. Search "Creel."



Citizens Police Academy Returns, New Course Focuses on 60-Plus Residents

Community members have the opportunity to learn what it takes to be a police officer this spring with a 10-week citizens course and, for the first time, a new six-week course for residents who are 60 and older.

The Rockville City Police Department is accepting applications for the free, 10-week Citizens Police Academy, which will be held in March, April and May. Participants 18 and older will receive hands-on training and earn a graduation certificate upon course completion. Classes meet in the evening at a time and place to be determined. Topics will include:

- Crime scene processing.
- Firearms training simulations.
- K-9 unit demonstrations.
- Traffic law.
- Detectives and investigations.
- Bomb unit.

For more information

and registration, email Cpl. Ken Matney at kmatney@rockvillemd.gov.

RCPD is also offering a special course highlighting safety and education for the 60-plus population. The course also will explore code enforcement, the K-9 unit and forensic science and will include a tour of the city's police station. It will meet from 10:30 a.m.-noon on Wednesdays, March 22-April 26, in the Azalea Room of the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. Register by March 15 for course #58092 at rockvillemd.gov or in person at the center. The class is free for city residents and senior center members, \$7 for nonresidents and nonmembers.

For more information about the Rockville City Police Department and its community policing mission, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/police. ❖

Edmonston Drive Bridge Repairs Include a Bit of Maryland History

Historical Plaque to Be Returned as Part of Construction Project

A project to rehabilitate the Edmonston Drive bridge will include the reinstallation of a plaque dedicated to a Maryland soldier who was one of the first casualties of the Korean War.

The plaque, dedicating the bridge to Cpl. John C. Brown, was hit by a vehicle and knocked from its granite base near the intersection with Rockville Pike in late January. A city maintenance crew later recovered it.

The bridge, over the CSX Corp. and Metrorail tracks just east of Rockville Pike, is scheduled to undergo repairs later this year. The repairs are expected to last eight months and will include major repairs to the bridge's underside and minor repairs to its topside. The topside repairs will require single-lane closures to the three-lane bridge and intermittent sidewalk closures. Repairs will cost \$1.3 million, with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Administration

sharing some of the construction costs.

As part of the project, the plaque will be more prominently displayed on a pedestal closer to the bridge, which connects Rockville Pike to the Twinbrook neighborhood.

Brown, who was from Baltimore, had no direct connection to Rockville. According to the Maryland Historical Trust, the bridge was dedicated in his honor on Aug. 26, 1950, after Ernie Tannen, a Silver Spring radio broadcaster, suggested dedicating the new bridge in honor of Brown, the first Korean War casualty from Maryland. The original bridge was demolished to make way for Metrorail construction. The bronze plaque was moved to its former location near Rockville Pike in 1981, where it sat until earlier this year.

For more information, contact John Hollida 240-314-8526 or jhollida@rockvillemd.gov. ❖



TERRIFIC kids can receive a reconditioned bike, free, for doing good deeds.

Be a TERRIFIC Citizen and Earn a Free Bike

Rockville is giving away free bicycles in 2017 to students in grades one through five, and all those kids need to do to get one is to prove they're a TERRIFIC citizen — Trustworthy, Earnest, Respectful, Responsible, Involved, Fair, Industrious and Caring.

To be eligible, students must have a sponsor to monitor their progress fulfilling six out of 16 "good deeds," such as perfect attendance in school for one month, volunteering with a charity, picking up litter in a public place, or helping someone who is sick or elderly.

All successful participants receive a certificate for

taking part and are invited to attend the Rockville Mayor and Council meeting, Monday, May 1, at 7 p.m. Awardees receive their reconditioned bikes and new helmets at a special event, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m., Sunday, May 14, hosted by Rockville Bike Hub.

Bike donations will be received from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Glenview Mansion parking lot, 603 Edmonston Drive. For more details, email rockvillebikehub@gmail.com or visit www.rockvillebikehub.org.

Find details and download a form at www.rockvillemd.gov/terrific bikes or call 240-314-8620. ❖

Save the Date: Rockville Science Day is April 23

The 28th annual Rockville Science Day offers a chance to experience science hands-on with exhibits from over 90 local organizations and businesses, featuring animals, astronomy, biology, chemistry, the environment, robotics and rockets.

The annual Rockville tradition is free and will be held from noon-5 p.m. on Sunday, April 23 at Montgomery College's Rockville campus, at 51 Mannakee St. The Mayor and Council are scheduled

to issue a proclamation during their meeting on Monday, March 27 recognizing Science Day.

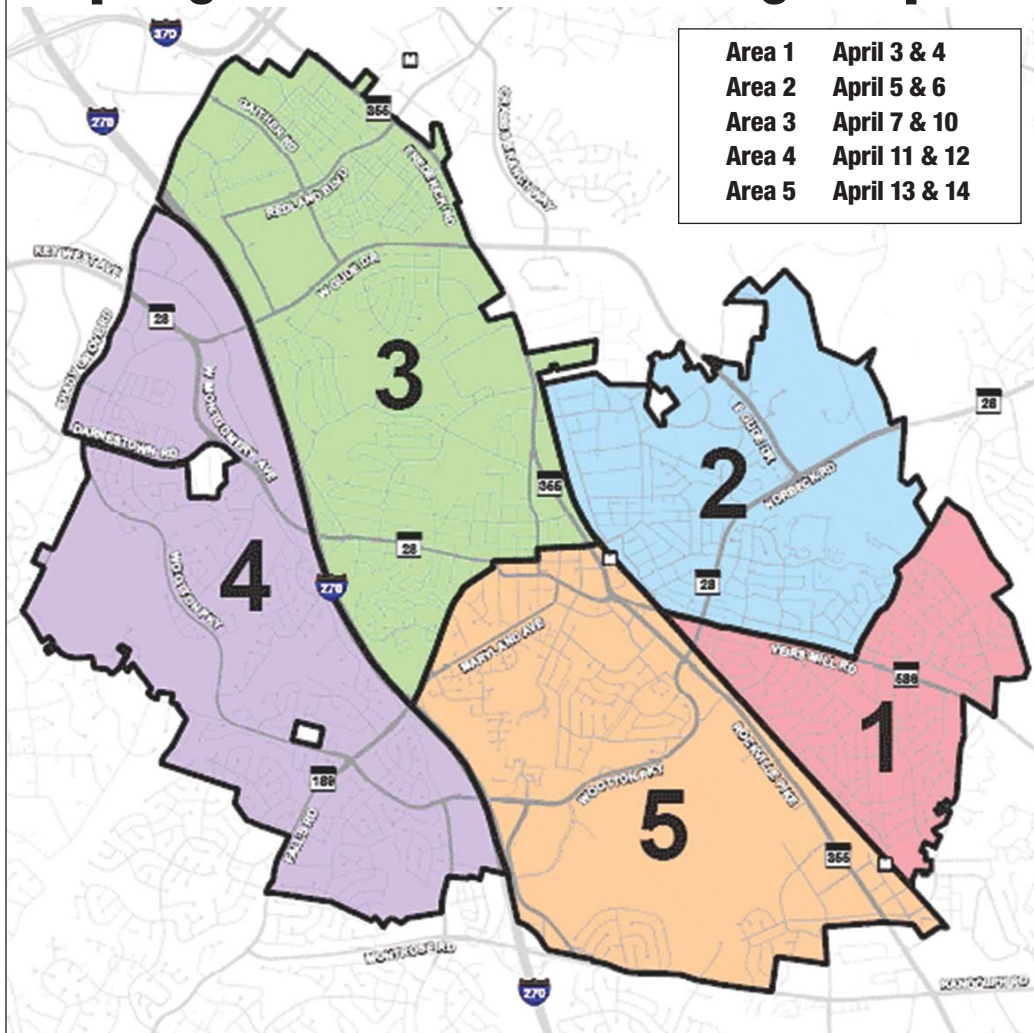
Learn more and register to exhibit at <http://rockvillesciencecenter.org/rockville-science-day>. Learn more about upcoming events at <http://rockvillesciencecenter.org/events/list>.

RSC is a nonprofit supported by the generous donations of its members and sponsors. Visit <http://rockvillesciencecenter.org> support to learn more. ❖



WHAT WE'RE WATCHING ON WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/CITYOFFROCKVILLE ... If you missed it, check out Rockville 11's series of facts for Black History Month and take a moment to relive the performances of Lunar New Year celebrations. Meet Trish Evans, who'll be helping to coordinate the burgeoning Villages movement that will enable Rockville seniors to age in place in their own homes. Finally, see Rockville 11's summary of February's critical town hall conversation on diversity.

Spring Leaf Collection Coming in April



Check out the interactive map at: www.rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection.

The city will vacuum leaves from neighborhood curbs April 3–14 in five collection areas throughout Rockville.

Residents should rake leaves next to, but out of, the roadway. Leaves should be raked no earlier than one week prior to the collection date to avoid grass damage or fire hazards.

DO: Place leaves at the curb by 6 a.m. on the collection dates. Remove sticks and all other objects from leaf piles. Avoid parking near leaf piles or close to other vehicles so that collection trucks can access piles. Use biodegradable paper lawn bags or 32-gallon trash cans (without plastic garbage bags) to set leaves out with yard waste on your collection day, after the collection period ends. Use alternative disposal methods such as mulching or composting.

DO NOT: Pile leaves in bike lanes or where vehicles are parked. Do not dump leaves, grass clippings or other yard waste into storm drains, along stream banks or directly into streams. ❖

Save-the-Date: Earth Month in Rockville

Rockville celebrates Earth Month in April, marking the 47th Earth Day, on Saturday, April 22. The city gets started early with the following free activities aimed at environmental sustainability, beginning in March:

March 13: The Mayor and Council issue a *proclamation recognizing Earth Hour and Earth Day in Rockville*.

March 23: Community Wildlife Habitat Celebration, 6:30–8 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chambers at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. Join the city in celebrating Rockville becoming the 88th National Wildlife Federation-certified Community Wildlife Habitat in the United States. *Learn more in the article on this page.*

March 25: Earth Hour, 8:30–9:30 p.m. Learn more at the bottom of this page.

April 1: Green Your Backyard Information Session, 10–11:30 a.m. at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. Learn about RainScapes Rewards and other city programs designed to help you green your backyard and reduce pollu-

tion in this free information session. To register, call 240-314-8877 or email rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov with your name, phone number and address.

April 5: 4th Annual Montgomery County Energy Summit, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. in Silver Spring. Learn more at www.usgbc.org/mcenergysummit2017.

April 8: 29th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. Sites include:

- Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway, 9–11 a.m.
- Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, 9 a.m.–noon.
- Maryvale Park, 812 First St., 10:30 a.m.–noon

City staff will greet volunteers. Gloves and bags will be provided. Student Service Learning hours are available. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. For more information, or to register, email environment@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8877.

April 23: Science Day, noon–5 p.m. at Montgomery

College, Rockville campus, 51 Mannakee St. Visit the Croydon Creek Nature Center and Environment Commission tables. Free. *Find more information at www.rockvillesciencecenter.org and in the article on page 4.*

April 22: Earth Day Celebration Campfire, 7:30–8:30 p.m. at Croydon Creek Nature Center. For more information and to register, call 240-314-8770. \$5 for Rockville residents, \$6 for nonresidents.

April 29: Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Rockville City Police Station, 2 W. Montgomery Ave. Safely dispose of unused or expired medications and help keep them out of our environment. For more information, call Cpl. Ken Matney at 240-314-8922.

April 29: Spring Festival with Native Plant Sale, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at Croydon Creek Nature Center.

Find more details, check out tips for helping the environment year-round and learn how to bring an environmental speaker to your next community meeting at www.rockvillemd.gov/earthmonth.

Make Your Yard a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat

Last year, Rockville became the 88th National Wildlife Federation-certified Community Wildlife Habitat in the United States.

Join the city as we celebrate and thank the 200 homeowners and 14 schools, businesses, places of worship and public recreation facilities that made this achievement possible from 6:30–8 p.m. on Thursday, March 23 in the Mayor and Council Chambers at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. Community members can learn how to the certification for their yard by restoring habitats with native plants, eliminating pesticides and providing animals with food, water, cover and places to raise young. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP at environment@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8870.

Learn more at <http://rockvillereports.com/environmental-excellence-award-includes-a-surprise-announcement>. ❖

Next BRT Meeting to be Held in Gaithersburg

The City of Gaithersburg will host the next interagency meeting on bus rapid transit planning for MD 355, following two open houses held by the state to hear from the public on alternatives for the proposed transportation system.

Elected officials from Rockville, Gaithersburg and Montgomery County will gather at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 9, at the Casey Community Center, 506 Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg.

Bus rapid transit, or BRT, is a transit system that uses buses that travel primarily in dedicated lanes, with fewer stops than traditional bus service.

The primary discussion will center on BRT planning, for about 21 miles of MD 355, being coordinated by the Maryland Transit Administration. That section runs from Bethesda to Clarksburg. The state intends to narrow down alternatives developed thus far.

Three sections of seven under consideration lie within Rockville, from the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro station to Summit Avenue in Gaithersburg, through Rockville Town Center, past Montgomery College and past the Shady Grove Metro station.

This is the third interagency meeting on BRT. The first was hosted by Rockville's Mayor and Council in December 2014; the second by the Montgomery County Council in December 2015.

Comment Period Extended for Bikeway Master Plan Input

The Mayor and Council on Jan. 23 extended the comment period for public input on the city's Bikeway Master Plan. The draft plan, frequently asked questions and a form for submitting comments can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/bikewaymasterplan. Public comments will be accepted through April 3.

As part of the city's comprehensive master plan, the Bikeway Master Plan guides planning of the city's bicycle facility network. It was last updated in 2004, laying the groundwork for an expansion to more than 34 miles of shared-use paths, nearly 4 miles of bike lanes and 3 miles of roads with shared-lane markings known as sharrows.

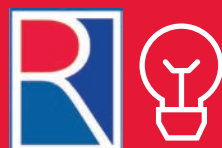
Numerous recommendations from the update have been implemented since 2004, including completion of the Carl Henn Millennium Trail, an 11-mile bicycle beltway around Rockville. The draft plan aims to build on that success by providing a starting point for construction projects that expand the existing bicycle network, improve safety and increase connections to all parts of the city for recreation, commuting and shopping.

REDI Seeks Businesses to Appreciate

Rockville Economic Development, Inc.'s Rockville Business Appreciation Week 2017 is April 3–7.

Throughout the week teams of ambassadors comprising city leaders, city staff, and REDI representatives visit Rockville businesses to thank them for locating in the city and to introduce business owners to resources available to help their companies grow. REDI ambassadors visited over 50 companies during Business Appreciation Week 2016.

Businesses located within the city limits that are interested in having REDI visit during the week should contact Michael Stiefvater, REDI Business Development Manager, at stiefvater@RockvilleREDI.org or 301-355-2202 or visit www.rockvilleredi.org/baw2017.



LIGHTS OUT! Rockville will turn out the lights in observance of Earth Hour, an international effort in support of climate change action. Earth Hour encourages people to turn off all non-essential lights in their homes and businesses for one hour, from 8:30–9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25. The city will participate by turning off all non-essential lights at the city's Gude Maintenance Facility. Learn more and find ways to participate in Earth Hour every day at www.earth-hour.org/blog/10-ways-celebrate-earth-hour-daily.

Apply Now for a Spot in the Memorial Day Parade

Rockville's 73rd Annual Memorial Day Parade will march through Rockville Town Center with a variety of marching bands, drill and pompom units, floats and other displays at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 29.

Organizations or individuals interested in participating in the parade should apply by Friday, April 7. Rockville's parade is a juried event, with more than \$3,000 in cash prizes expected to be distributed over five parade categories.

Learn more about the parade and download parade rules and regulations and the parade application at www.rockvillemd.gov/memorialdayparade.

Cops Come Out to Play at Community Centers

Rockville's three community centers are inviting residents to stop what they're doing, drop the electronics, and play with the city's finest — officers from the Rockville City Police Department.

Three events will be held in March, April and May. Register to attend at rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov with the course numbers below:

- Jump with Cops at Thomas Farm Community Center, 7-9 p.m., Friday, March 24. Register for course #59252. Join the police to play on inflatable equipment.
- Hoops with Cops at Lincoln Park Community Center, 7-9 p.m., Friday, April 28. Register for course #59254. Variety basketball with officers.
- Games with Cops at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 7-9 p.m., Friday, May 12. Register for course #59253. Police play games.

Each event is \$10 for residents, \$12 for nonresidents.



See Wool Become Yarn Through Talented Hands

Take a step back in time at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery this month with "From Sheep to Shawl — How Wool is Spun into Yarn."

Dedicated and experienced hand-spinners and weavers will demonstrate their spinning arts from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday, March 12, in the Glenview Mansion Conservatory. These artisans have appeared at numerous venues to display their craft, including the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival and Frederick Beerfest.

In addition to fully operational spinning wheels, drop spindles and knitting demonstrations, working Victrola and Edison cylinder players will be on display.

The event is free and open to all ages.

See even more art at the Glenview gallery. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday. The facility is closed on weekends and official holidays.

At the F. Scott Theater in March: Intrigue, Shakespearean Ballet and Celebrating Six Decades

The Victorian Lyric Opera Company presents Jaques Offenbach's "La Périchole" in English, at 8 p.m., March 3-4, and at 2 p.m., March 5.

To suit the whim of the viceroy — a great man for the ladies — an attractive street-singer (La Périchole) is brought to court and made a countess by the simple expedient of marrying her to a newly titled "count," who is really her street-singer partner and lover. Good comedy character parts, engaging romantic intrigues, colorful costumes and delightful music, including the celebrated "Letter Song." Ages 13-plus.

Tickets cost \$28 for adults; \$24 for seniors, and \$20 for students.

Rockville Civic Ballet presents Shakespeare's comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," set to music by Mendelssohn, and his tragedy, "Macbeth," set to music by Khachaturian, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 18, and at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 19.



Tickets are \$17, adults; \$13, children (12 years old and under); \$13, seniors (60 years old and older). Group rates: \$16.50 for seven or more adult tickets; \$12.50 for 10 or more children/senior tickets.

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F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
at Rockville Civic Center Park
603 Edmonston Drive
Box office: 240-314-8690
www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre



Under the direction of John Saint Amour, the Rockville Concert Band will celebrate 60 years of the band's history with a special 60th Anniversary Concert, 3 p.m., Sunday, March 12. The concert is free; a \$5 donation is suggested. For information,

call 240-314-8681 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/arts.

Buy tickets at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatretix. The box office is open 2-7 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and two hours prior to every ticketed performance. Call 240-314-8690 for ticketing information. ❖



Newcomers and Fan Favorites to Play Hometown Holidays Music Fest

Four Stages of Music, Local Food Favorites and Kids Fun Return May 27-28

The Hometown Holidays Music Fest will feature more than 25 local, regional and national performing artists and the best local food around on Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28 in Rockville Town Center.

The 29th annual Memorial Day weekend music festival is a destination for music lovers, featuring performances on four stages across six city blocks. Newcomers this year include the garage folk of Skribe, jazz by the U.S. Navy Band Commodores and the Howard Gospel Choir of Howard University. Sweet Leda returns with their blend of rock and soul music and Driven to Clarity brings their mix of funk, folk, rock and pop back to Rockville.

The main Beach Stage will once again have a Maryland flavor, with roots reggae from Baltimore's Jah Works on Saturday and

the "phat blues music" of Baltimore's Kelly Bell Band joined by the original "Bad Boys of Bethesda," The Nighthawks, on Sunday.

Visit "City of Rockville Hometown Holidays" on Facebook, where a new musical act will be profiled each week on #MusicMonday. Find the full lineup at www.rockvillemd.gov/hometownholidays.

The weekend will once again feature favorite food from local restaurants at the Taste of Rockville, as well as kids amusements, the return of "the beach" sand pile and the 73rd Annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade on Monday, May 29.

The festival is just a five-minute walk from the Rockville Metro station. Festival-goers who drive or bike can find parking options at www.rockvilleparking.com. ❖

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Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation

is a 501(c)3 organization established to:

- Improve recreational activities, programs, parks and facilities
- Support the Rockville Youth Recreation Fund

- Assist with fundraising, the acquisition and maintenance of new parks and open space
- Purchase equipment and other amenities for the City's parks and facilities.



Please send your tax deductible gift to:
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WHAT ARE WE CELEBRATING THIS MONTH?... In Maryland, March is Read Across Maryland Month (so grab a good book and learn more at www.readacrossmaryland.org) and Women's History Month (www.nwhp.org). It's also the month to celebrate the American Red Cross, Irish American Heritage, National Nutrition and Music In Our Schools, as well as National Middle Level Education Month. March 1 marks the start of the Great American Cleanup, which runs through May 31.

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FACILITIES LEGEND:

- CC** Croydon Creek Nature Ctr., 852 Avery Rd., 240-314-8770.
GM Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8660.
FSF F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8690.
LP Lincoln Park Community Ctr., 357 Frederick Ave., 240-314-8780.
CH Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., 240-314-5000.
SR Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Dr., 240-314-8800.
SFC Rockville Swim and Fitness Ctr., 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.
TF Thomas Farm Community Ctr., 700 Falls Grove Dr., 240-314-8840.
TC Twinbrook Comm. Rec. Ctr., 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.



15 American Piano Classics Explore the talents of Basie, Ellington, Brubeck, Garner, and many others. Seniors only. Register for course #58682. 1-2:30 p.m.

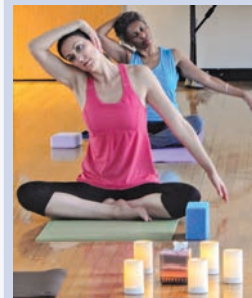
2 Little Acorns: Forest Explore nature with your little ones through a variety of play-based activities. Course #57944.

16 Little Acorns: Amphibians Explore nature with your little ones through a variety of play-based activities. Course #57945.

Ages 18 months to 36 months. 10-11 a.m. **CC**



3 Opening Performance of the Victorian Lyric Opera Company Production, "La Perichole: in English." 8 p.m. See the article on page 6. **Other shows: 8 p.m., March 4; 2 p.m., March 5.** **FSF**



4,18 Winter Yoga Series A gentle way to greet the day. Enjoy this morning yoga class, a session for all levels and ages with warmup, easy stretches, and flowing poses. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a yoga mat or beach towel. 9-10 a.m. **LP**

5 Earth Rocks Adventure Naturalists help you complete the necessary requirements to complete the adventure. mnorton@rockvillemd.gov to register. 2-4 p.m. **CC**



6 Getting Paid to Talk Workshop Learn about voiceover work for television, film, radio, books on tape, documentaries and the Internet 6:30-9 p.m. **SR**



7 Adult 60-plus Registration begins for spring programs: mail, walk-in, fax and online. (Senior non-member registration begins March 9.) www.rockvillemd.gov/guide. See article on page 8.

22 Citizens Police Academy Learn about police work in this month-long program for the 60-plus crowd. Runs from March 3-April 26. See article on page 4. Register for course #58092. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-noon.



16 Montrose Discovery Pre-school Open House Tour Meet teachers, ask questions. 6-7 p.m. Call 240-414-8631 to add your child's name to the waitlist. Ages 3-5. 451 Congressional Lane.

29 Spies of the Revolutionary War PowerPoint presentation opens up new insights into espionage at the beginning of our nation. Seniors only. Register for course #58681. 1-2 p.m.

28 Painted Fruit Bowl Join Cathy Pasquarello for a fun painting-on-glass class. Seniors only. Register for course #58618. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



16 Wine & Improv Learn improv from a theater professional over a glass of wine. Tickets: \$35 individual; \$60 per couple. Ages 21 and older. 7 p.m. **GM**



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Find the current recreation and camps guide at www.rockvillemd.gov/guide and sign up for courses by entering the relevant course number through Rock Enroll (rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov).



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12 From Sheep to Shawl: How Does a Sheep's Fur Turn into a Sweater? Demonstration with spinning wheels, drop spindles, knitting and crocheting. 1:30-3:30 p.m. **GM**

12 Daylight Saving Time starts at 2 a.m. Set your clocks forward one hour.

26 Outdoor Science Club: Amphibians Explore the forest in winter and conduct some cold-weather experiments that highlight what's cool about this season. Ages 6-8 years. Register for course #58004. 1:30-3 p.m. **CC**



13 Mayor and Council Meeting 7-10 p.m. **CH**



27 Mayor and Council Meeting 7-10 p.m. **CH**

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Superhero Party
 Saturday, March 18 • 2-4 p.m.

Superheroes ages 2 and older can spend a fun afternoon with their adult family member or friend dressed as their favorite heroic character and demonstrate their extraordinary talents.

Superhero obstacle course
 Play superhero games
 Enjoy refreshments

City of Rockville Police Superheroes will be participating in the event.

\$12 Resident
 \$14 Nonresident
 Register for course #58689
 Register at rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov

City of Rockville
 Get into it

Thomas Farm Community Center
 700 Falls Grove Drive, Rockville, MD 20850
 240-314-8840
www.rockvillemd.gov/thomasfarm



24 Jump With Cops A night with Rockville police officers bouncing on inflatables; the first of three Stop, Drop, Play with Cops events at Rockville's three community centers. Register for course #59252. 7-9 p.m. **TF**



18 Nature Tots: All About Bones Delve into a different nature topic each session through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. For ages 2-5 years. Register for course #57998. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**

18 Rockville Civic Ballet present "A Midsummer Night's Dream"/"Macbeth." Second performance, 2 p.m., Sunday, March 19. See article on page 6. **FSF**



18 Superhero Party Dress like your favorite hero, play games. Meet Rockville city police officers. Register for course #58689. Ages 2 and older. 2-4 p.m.



For the most up-to-date event listings visit www.rockvillemd.gov/thisweek and sign up for the weekly email newsletter.

25 Spring Night Hike Hear the sounds of spring at night. Start in the classroom, then venture outdoors. All ages welcome. Register for course #57960. 7:30-8:30 p.m. **CC**

R = Residents • NR = Nonresidents • MEM = Member • NM = Nonmember

FOR MORE INFO. AND MOST UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTING: WWW.ROCKVILLEM.D.GOV/CALENDAR



Rockville Police Offer Off-Leash Testing

Dogs Must Be Recertified Annually to Walk Without a Leash in the City

Rockville police offer off-leash testing at 10 a.m. in the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's outdoor pool parking lot, at 355 Martins Lane, on Saturdays, March 18, May 20, July 15, Sept. 16 and Nov. 18.

Dogs must be leashed or restrained whenever they are off their owner's property, unless the owner and dog have passed the city's Off-Leash with Permission test. The cost is \$5 per dog. Dogs must have a current Rockville dog license in order to take the two-part test.

In the first part of the test, the dog must demonstrate that it can obey several basic commands such as sit, down and stay. In the second part, the dog, with its handler, must demonstrate that it can walk in a designated area off-leash without reacting negatively to several distractions.

Dogs that pass the test may be walked without a leash in the city. Dogs and owners must be recertified each year. There is no charge for recertification.

Preregistration is required. Call 240-314-8937. For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/offleash.

Students Have a Chance to be Mayor for a Day in May

Mayor Newton to Visit Rockville Fourth Graders

Fourth-graders attending schools in Rockville will once again have a chance at serving as the city's Mayor for a Day this spring by taking part in the statewide "If I Were Mayor" essay contest.

The theme of this year's contest, organized by the Maryland Municipal League (MML) and the Maryland Mayors' Association (MMA), is "Inclusion." Students are asked to write an essay, no longer than 275 words, that would describe how, if they were mayor, they would design a community center that anyone in their town could use, and would make sure no one was left out of the process.

Winners, their parents and their teachers will be recognized during an awards ceremony in Annapolis. Essays must be received by Friday, March 31.

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton welcomes the opportunity to speak with students about the essay contest, municipal government and what it is like to be mayor of Rockville. Teachers or school administrators may email cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov to arrange for the mayor to visit their school, though a mayoral visit is not required for contest participation.

In addition to the winners chosen by MML and MMA, the mayor will select a student attending school in Rockville to serve as the city's Mayor for a Day in May.

Learn more by visiting www.mdmunicipal.org and selecting "Mayor's Essay Contest" under "Programs and Services," or call the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8280.

Take a Spring Break with Mini-Camps

Don't sit around the house bored this spring break. Montgomery County Public Schools will be closed April 10-14, but Rockville's mini-camps at the city's three community centers have fun, affordable, supervised programs with crafts, organized games, sports, adventure and day trips to stave off the break blues for children in kindergarten to fifth grade.

Register for the camps in-person at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or online rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov with the course numbers for your preferred location:

- Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave. Register for course #58970.
- Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Fallsgrove Drive. Register for course #58741.
- Twinbrook Community Recreation Center Annex, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. Register for course #58969.

Mini-camps at the community centers run 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday, April 10 to Thursday, April 13. The cost is \$150 for residents, \$170 for nonresidents. Participants should bring a lunch each day and wear comfortable clothes and

sneakers. Programs may vary slightly by location. Croydon Creek Nature Center naturalists will visit each community center during the week to provide unique, hands-on nature experiences for each camp — Tuesday at Twinbrook, Wednesday at Lincoln Park, and Thursday at Thomas Farm.

Alternatively, enhance curiosity and ignite ingenuity through LEGO-based engineering and architectural design. Engage in hands-on building projects while learning real-life applications in the areas of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math), in a fun, cooperative environment. General recreational activities are part of the day. Bring a lunch and a drink.

The LEGO Engineering Spring Break Camp runs 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday, April 10 to Thursday, April 13 at Ritchie Park Elementary School.

Register for the LEGO camp at rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov with course #58582. The cost for residents is \$299, and for nonresidents, \$319.

For summer camps, see the Rockville Recreation and Parks 2017 Camp Guide online at www.rockvillemd.gov/guide.

Mayor and Council to Vote on Naming Bridge for Doran

Wootton High Graduate Petitioned for Honor for Former Principal

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to vote Monday, March 6 on a request to name a bridge on Wootton Parkway for the late Michael J. Doran, Thomas S. Wootton High School's former principal.

Doran led the school for 12 years before dying suddenly at age 64, two weeks before the start of the 2015-16 school year. Jon Glaser, a Wootton graduate and Rockville resident, re-

quested dedicating the bridge near the school in Doran's honor.

The city's Traffic and Transportation Commission voted unanimously Jan. 24 to recommend the name to the Mayor and Council.

Find out more about the naming request when the March 6 meeting agenda is posted at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

Recreation and Parks Rec Guides

Spring Guide has Lots to Do in Rockville

Rockville's Recreation and Parks Department is helping you to spring forward with its 2017 Spring Guide that includes 68 pages packed with programs, courses and events coming to Rockville.

The guide is available online at www.rockvillemd.gov/guide.

The recreation guide includes a variety of classes and programs, including instructional sports for kids, aquatics for all ages, fitness and computer classes. You'll also find:

- **Campfires, Nature Tots and family geocaching** at Croydon Creek Nature Center. **Nature courses** for kids (and parents).
- **Breakfast with the Bunny** and a **Royal Tea Party** at Thomas Farm Community Center.
- **Yoga classes** for all ages.



Pick up your's today.

Sports and leagues information. Bike rides and art receptions.

- **Music courses and ballet classes; cheer squads.**
- Registration for classes and programs began in February.

Register online at rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov/ guide or in person at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or any Rockville recreation facility.

New Senior Guide to Debut

"Adults 60+" is the newest publication from the City of Rockville, one created specifically for adults 60 and older.

"Designed just for you, this newly developed guide contains all your old favorites as well as newly developed services, classes, programs and events, Senior Services Manager Terri Hilton writes in her introduction to the magazine. "Each of the sections in this guide begin with an article that may help you learn something new or develop a new interest."

The guide, produced in response to feedback received during the city's Senior Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis Study, highlights courses, events and programs specifically for older adults available at the Rockville Senior Center and other locations in the city.



Registration for Senior Center activities begins Tuesday, March 7, for members and Thursday, March 9 for nonmembers.

Pick up a copy from the Senior Center, any of the three community centers, Croydon Creek Nature Center, City Hall, the Swim and Fitness Center, or Twinbrook and Rockville libraries, or view it online at www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter. The guide will also be mailed to anyone 60 and older who is registered with the Recreation and Parks Department.



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BACK IN THE DAY: Visitors to Rockville Town Square today would be forgiven for thinking the iconic landmark has always been a part of the downtown. But a smidge more than a decade ago, in November 2006, the 12.5-acre redevelopment was mere weeks away from its debut. That month's Rockville Reports notes a "sneak peek" of the library was scheduled for Nov. 11, and that the first residents of 644 condominiums were due to move in next month. Stores weren't slated to open until March.